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ERDA WASHDC FOR VANDERRYN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG TECH

SUBJECT: ZIEGLER, BMFT VISIT TO US.

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1. VANDERRYN SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THIS WEEK FROM THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHDC AN ITINERARY ON FORTHCOMING TRIP TO US OF ZIEGLER OF BMFT AND HOLIGHAUS AND NEUMANN OF JUELICH. SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE DETAILED ATTACHMENTS (TWO). ONE IN ENGLISH RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS. THE OTHER IN GERMAN RELATES TO COAL LIQUIFACTION. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THESE SUPPLEMENTS.

2. THE GROUP WILL LEAVE GERMANY ON MARCH 27 AND SPEND MARCH 28 IN OTTAWA WITH MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES, AND THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL ON COAL CONVERSION AND WIND ENERGY.

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3. THEY ARRIVE WASHDC ON EVENING OF MARCH 28 AND ASSUME AGENDA HAS BEEN PREPARED WITH APPROPRIATE PEOPLE THROUGH AIA FOR TWO FULL DAYS, MARCH 29 AND 30, STARTING PERHAPS 9:30 HRS. ON MARCH 29. FOLLOWING SUBJECTS ARE NOT IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE:

(A) WIND ENERGY. COOPERATIVE EFFORT SOUGHT.

(B) INSITU COAL GASIFICATION. FRG BECOMING MORE INTERESTED IN THIS FIELD.

(C) ENVIRONMENTALLY SUITABLE COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS. STACK GAS PROCESSING, NITROGEN OXIDES, PARTICULATES AND COOLING TOWERS ARE SUGGESTED SUBJECTS. SHOULD THIS BE DISCUSSED WITH EPA AS WELL? THIS AREA URGED FOR IEA PROSPECTS. A LARGE BUDGET IS PROPOSED BY FRG FOR NEXT YEAR IN THIS AREA, AT LEAST 200 MILLION DM.

(D) LIQUIFACTION OF COAL. IDEAS RELATE TO INFORMATION EXCHANGE, SETTING PRIORITIES, SEMINARS, PREFERRED INFORMATION ON PATENTS, REPORTS AND PERSONNEL EXCHANGE. BMFT FEELS THIS AREA WOULD REPRESENT A REAL POLITICAL THRUST FOR AN IEA PROJECT IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLE TECHNICAL BENEFITS. THEIR IDEA OF JOINT ECONOMIC ASSESSMENTS APPEARS TO BE SOMEWHAT OVERSIMPLIFIED. BONN ERDA REPRESENTATIVE ADVISED THAT ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE DONE BUT ONLY IF DONE PROPERLY, AND OUTLINED TO ZIEGLER HOW THESE AND OTHER COMPARATIVE AND PARAMETRIC ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED.

(E) NUMEROUS COAL AND WIND PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED TO IEA, AND BMFT WOULD LIKE SPECIFIC ACTION ON THEM. THEY RECOGNIZE THE SHORTCOMINGS IN THE FORM

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AND CONTENT OF MANY OF THEM BUT FEEL CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN RATHER THAN SHELIVING ALL OF THEM.

(F) THEY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ERDA METHODOLOGY IN PROGRAM PLANNING AND CONTROL AS WELL AS THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ANALYSIS. THEY FEEL THEY CAN LEARN A LOT FROM OUR PROCEDURES. THEY HAD THE IDEA THAT ALL OF ERDA PROGRAMS ARE PLANNED, DIRECTED AND RIGOROUSLY EVALUATED BY THIS OFFICE.

4. THEY LEAVE FOR SAN FRANCISCO ON MARCH 30. ON MARCH 31 THEY PLAN TO OBSERVE THE GEOTHERMAL OPERATIONS OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC. ZIEGLER IMPLIED THIS WAS MORE THAN A CASUAL INTEREST.

5. ON APRIL 1 THEY VISIT BALSIZER AT EPRI TO DISCUSS COMBINED CYCLE, COAL GASIFICATION (LOW-BTU GAS) AND COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS. ON APRIL 4 THEY MEET WITH GRAINGER ON IEA MATTERS IN LONDON.
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6. WHILE ZIEGLER FEELS BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE PREFERABLE, THE BMFT SEEMS TO BE EXERTING EFFORTS TO MAKE IEA PRODUCTIVE.

7. PLEASE KEEP ERDA REP APPRISED RE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT AND IF FURTHER ASSISTANCE DESIRED FROM THIS END. ADDITIONAL INFO AND/OR REQUESTS RECEIVED BY EMBASSY WILL BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY.

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